Smuggling of high speed diesel

650. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that huge quantity of high speed diesel is being smuggled into India from the coasts of Gujarat and Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof and how much revenue has been lost as a result thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken in this regard and what is the number of persons arrested in those cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) As informed by Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue, cases have been booked of smuggling of HSD into India from the coasts of Gujarat and Maharashtra. The details are as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	No. of cases	Revenue involved
2003-04	2	2.42
2004-05	5	316.00
2005-06 (Upto Oct' 06)	4	35.74

(c) Action has been taken by issuing Show Cause Notices for demand of duty, confiscation of good and imposition of fine and penalty. 07 persons were arrested in the year 2004-05 and 11 persons were arrested in the year 2005-06.

Allocation of blocks under NELP-VI

†651. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the interest of foreign based companies is increasing in exploration of oil and gas in the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

State-wise and Company-wise total number of Retail Outlet (RO) dealerships

Sl. No.	State	State-wise and Company-wise Total Number of Retail Outlets being run by OMCs										
		IOC	BPC	HPC	IBP	AOD	NRL	ONGC	RIL	Essar	Shell	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	924	634	710	362	0	2	0	121	32	0	2785
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	18	1	0	2	21	1	0	0	1	0	44
3.	Assam	163	10	60	26	199	17	0	18	5	0	498
4.	Bihar	511	265	219	223	5	1	0	25	2	0	1251
5.	Chhattisgarh	149	128	126	36	0	0	0	15	1	0	455
6.	Delhi	151	104	92	45	0	1	0	0	0	0	393
7.	Gujarat	647	409	380	237	0	0	0	223	129	0	2025
8.	Goa	18	37	30	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	88
9.	Haryana	563	215	282	223	11	6	0	44	25	0	1369
10.	Himachal Pradesh	111	48	54	28	2	0	0	5	0	0	248
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	145	84	85	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	323
12.	Jharkhand	225	141	160	66	1	0	0	32	3	0	628
13.	Karnataka	814	467	445	177	0	0	1	71	28	10	2013
14.	Kerala	478	358	435	185	0	0	0	37	15	0	1508
15.	Madhya Pradesh	577	409	335	86	0	0	0	71	48	0	1526
16.	Maharashtra	887	927	831	202	0	0	0	132	122	0	3101
17.	Manipur	19	0	0	5	20	5	0	0	2	0	51
18.	Meghalaya	40	4	15	8	31	11	0	5	0	0	114
19.	Mizoram	6	0	2	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	17

Sl. No.	State	State-wise and Company-wise Total Number of Retails Outlets being run by OMCs										
		IOC	BPC	HPC	IBP	AOD	NRL	ONGC	RIL	Essar	Shell	Total
20.	Nagaland	16	2	2	2	20	2	0	1	0	0	45
21.	Orissa	309	215	157	74	6	0	0	41	1	0	803
22.	Punjab	882	486	539	423	0	0	0	73	23	0	2426
23.	Rajasthan	818	481	612	129	5	8	0	104	28	0	2185
24.	Sikkim	11	9	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
25.	Tamil Nadu	993	688	720	229	0	0	0	86	21	7	2744
26.	Tripura	9	0	0	1	27	0	0	1	0	0	38
27.	Uttaranchal	132	69	83	35	0	1	0	10	0	0	330
28.	Uttar Pradesh	1636	871	833	477	0	4	0	124	21	0	3966
29.	West Bengal	542	370	372	219	11	1	0	48	4	0	1567
30.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
31.	Chandigarh	16	10	15	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
32.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	7	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	16
33.	Daman & Diu	6	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
34.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35.	Pondicherry	31	14	32	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	87
	TOTAL:	11859	7460	7637	3530	368	60	1	1287	514	17	32733

Total for Public Sector Companies-30,915: For Private Companies-1818

(b) if so, the total number of foreign companies participated in the sixth round of New Exploration Licencing Policy (NELP);

(c) the total number of blocks allocated in the said round; and

(d) the number of blocks allocated to foreign as well as indigenous companies separately and the details of the said companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (d) Yes Sir, the Government of India has received 165 bids for 52 blocks offered under the 6th round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP-VI) A total number of 36 foreign companies participated in bidding round for NELP-VI as compared to 26 foreign companies in bidding round NELP-V. The contracts to awardee companies for 52 blocks will be signed in January, 2007, after following the due procedure.

Compensation to oil companies

652. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:
SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a result of the non-revision of petroleum product prices, the under recoveries of the public sector oil companies are projected to go up to around Rs. 1,00,000 crore in Fiscal 2006-07;

(b) whether IOC alone is losing Rs. 100 crore a day;

(c) whether a gazette notification was issued in April 2002 dismantling the administered price mechanism but effectively the APM is *de-facto* in place; and

(d) whether Government have any plan to compensate the oil companies for their under recoveries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) In view of the steep increase in the international prices of crude oil and petroleum products and corresponding non-revision of domestic retail selling prices of sensitive petroleum products, it was estimated in May 2006 that the oil marketing companies (OMCs) might suffer losses/under-recoveries to the tune of Rs. 73,500 crore during the financial year 2006-07. IOC's gross under